

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9 have been examined and claim 8 is withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-5 and 9 are cancelled herein, and claims 6 and 7 are amended and are now pending in the application. It is noted with appreciation that claims 6 and 7 are deemed to be directed toward allowable subject matter. Reexamination and reconsideration of all outstanding objection and rejections is requested.

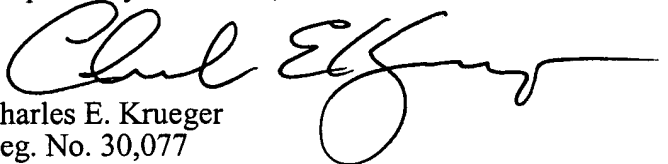
Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. All the examiners comments have been carefully considered and the claims have been amended in accordance with the comments and suggestions. In particular claim 6 has been amended to include all the limitations of the base claim 4.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 944-3320.

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